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1. The 1947 production of "Slovenski Cement /ne a Vapenky" at Trnecin (P49/T58), the most important cement plant in Slovakia, will run to approximately 280,000 tons. About 20% of this amount is being shipped to the USSR, apparently to be used on fortifications in the Carpatho-Ukraine.
2. At the beginning of October 1947, the Andos Chemical Factory in Basel, Switzerland, offered to buy 10,000 tons of cement from this firm at eighty francs per ton, but so far the offer has not been accepted.
3. "Slovenski Cementarne a Vapenky" was formerly controlled by the Clementia Holdings AG of Zurich, but has now been nationalized by the Czechoslovak Government. This plant and the other cement factories of Bohemia are badly in need of new machinery, but the foreign exchange necessary for such purchases has not been made available. Also, the new manager of the plant is said to be inexperienced and unable to run the concern efficiently.

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